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Applicant: KINO et al
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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING AMINO ACIDS BY FERMENTATION
Group: 1651
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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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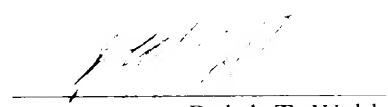
Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 19, 2001, Applicants hereby elect
Group 1, Claims 1 - 5, drawn to a microbial process for producing various amino acids.

The election is made without traverse.

Kindly charge any additional fees due, or credit overpayment of fees, to Deposit
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Respectfully submitted,
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